



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jonnie R. WILLIAMS

Serial No.: Not Assigned) Group Art Unit: 1731
Continuation of Serial No. 09/397,018)

Filed: Herewith

For: IMPROVED METHOD OF TREATING

IMPROVED METHOD OF TREATING TOBACCO TO REDUCE NITROSAMINE CONTENT, AND PRODUCTS PRODUCED THEREBY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee in the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1 under the heading "Cross-Reference to Related Applications," after "This application" please insert --is a continuation of Application No. 09/397,018, filed September 15, 1999, ~~which~~--.

At page 1, line 6, after "September 15, 1998, and" please insert --which--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-28 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 29-61 as follows.